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LETTER DATED 3 JANUARY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance, cause provocation and drop heat flares continued over the period 21-31 December 1994.

21 December 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Artawi, Jalibah, Busayyah, Nasiriyah, Salman, Qurnah and Amarah.

At 1155 hours on 21 December 1994, aggressor aircraft dropped three heat flares over Hamdaniyah township in Ninawa Governorate.

22 December 1994

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Irbil and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Rifa'i and Artawi.

At 1000 and 1250 hours on 22 December 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1140 and 1450 hours respectively.

23 December 1994

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 57 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah and Shatrah.

At 1340 and 1710 hours on 23 December 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1435 and 1745 hours respectively.

24 December 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 58 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Amarah, Artawi and Busayyah.

At 1055 and 1355 hours on 24 December 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country. They left, one in the direction of Kuwait and the other in the direction of Saudi Arabia, at 1205 and 1457 hours respectively.

At 1417, 1230 and 1240 hours, hostile formations dropped heat flares over Ayn Sifni, Fayidah and the township of Ba'shiqah in Ninawa Governorate.

25 December 1994

Southern region: 45 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Qurnah, Jalibah and Amarah.

On 25 December 1994, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0938 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1125 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1215 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1245 hours.

3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1325 hours and left in the direction of Saudi Arabia at 1541 hours.

26 December 1994

Southern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shatrah, Rifa'i, Salman, Shanafiyah, Chabaish and Artawi.

At 1100 and 1345 hours, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1205 and 1430 hours respectively.

27 December 1994

(a) Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 84 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Basra and Chabaish.

On 27 December 1994, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0858 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 0955 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1040 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1155 hours.

3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1140 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1223 hours.

At 1925 hours on 27 December 1994, an aggressor aircraft dropped a heat flare near Sha'biyah airfield in Basra Governorate.

28 December 1994

(a) Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 55 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Basra, Jalibah and Busayyah.

At 1050 and 1345 hours on 28 December 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the

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country. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1207 and 1425 hours respectively.

29 December 1994

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Aqrah, Ayn Zalah, Tall Afar, Mosul and Irbil.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Salman, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

30 December 1994

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Qurnah, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Salman, Qal'at Sukkar, Artawi and Jalibah.

At 1050 and 1350 hours on 30 December 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1201 and 1420 hours respectively.

31 December 1994

Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Chabaish and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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